

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject ~~in need of such treatment afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress~~, a cosmetic/dermatological composition ~~comprising consisting of~~: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of ~~at least one form of manganese and/or at least one salt thereof and a physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; water; and at least one member selected from the group consisting of topically applicable, physiologically acceptable alcohols, oils, fatty acids, waxes, emulsifiers, hydrophilic gelling agents, lipophilic gelling agents, preservatives, antioxidants, fragrances, fillers, UV-screening agents, dyestuffs, colorants, keratolytic agents, alverine, alverine salts, chlorine-channel openers, hydroxy acids and retinoids.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject ~~in need of such treatment affected with skin pallor resulting from stress~~, a cosmetic/dermatological composition

comprising consisting of: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese and/or at least one salt thereof; a bioaffecting amount of alverine, a keratolytic agent, a chlorine-channel opener, a hydroxy acid and/or a retinoid, and a physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; a bioaffecting amount of at least one member selected from the group consisting of alverine, alverine salts, keratolytic agents, chlorine-channel openers, hydroxy acids and retinoids; water; and at least one member selected from the group consisting of topically applicable, physiologically acceptable alcohols, oils, fatty acids, waxes, emulsifiers, hydrophilic gelling agents, lipophilic gelling agents, preservatives, antioxidants, fragrances, fillers, UV-screening agents, dyestuffs and colorants.

3.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A topically applicable cosmetic/dermatological composition suitable for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, said composition consisting essentially of (i) of: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese and/or at least one salt thereof and selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; (ii) a bioaffecting amount of alverine or a salt

thereof, a keratolytic agent, a chlorine channel opener, a hydroxy acid and/or a retinoid, formulated into a topically applicable, physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent, or carrier therefor at least one member selected from the group consisting of alverine, alverine salts, and chlorine-channel openers; water; and at least one member selected from the group consisting of topically applicable, physiologically acceptable alcohols, oils, fatty acids, waxes, emulsifiers, hydrophilic gelling agents, lipophilic gelling agents, preservatives, antioxidants, fragrances, fillers, UV-screening agents, dyestuffs and colorants.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 1, wherein from 0.0001% to ~~10%~~ 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 6, wherein from 0.001% to ~~5%~~ 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by ~~Claim 8~~ Claim 1, wherein manganese is administered as at least one inorganic and/or or organic manganese salt.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 9, wherein manganese is administered as at least one organic salt selected from the group consisting of

manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and/or and manganese oxalate.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 9, wherein manganese is administered as at least one inorganic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese chloride, manganese borate, manganese nitrate, manganese phosphate, and/or and manganese sulfate.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The method as defined by Claim 1, wherein said cosmetic/dermatological composition is a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

14. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 2, wherein from 0.0001% to ~~10%~~ 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 14, wherein from 0.001% to ~~5%~~ 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by ~~Claim 16~~ Claim 2, wherein manganese is administered as at least one inorganic and/or or organic manganese salt.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 17, wherein manganese is administered as at least one organic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and/or and manganese oxalate.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as defined by Claim 17, wherein manganese is administered as at least one inorganic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese chloride, manganese borate, manganese nitrate, manganese phosphate, and/or and manganese sulfate.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The method as defined by Claim 2, wherein said cosmetic/dermatological composition is a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

22.-37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 5, wherein from 0.0001% to ~~10%~~ 1% by weight of manganese is present.

39. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 38, wherein from 0.001% to ~~5%~~ 1% by weight of manganese is present.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by ~~Claim 40~~ Claim 5, wherein the manganese is present as at least one inorganic and/or or organic manganese salt.

42. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 41, wherein the manganese is present as at least one organic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and/or and manganese oxalate.

43. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 41, wherein the manganese is present as at least one inorganic salt selected from

the group consisting of manganese chloride, manganese borate, manganese nitrate, manganese phosphate, and/or and manganese sulfate.

44. (Original) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 5, said composition being in the form of a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

45. (New) The method as defined by Claim 1, wherein the at least one form of manganese is manganese gluconate or manganese carbonate and is administered in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 1.0% by weight of the composition.

46. (New) The method as defined by Claim 2, wherein the at least one form of manganese is manganese gluconate or manganese carbonate and is administered in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 1.0% by weight of the composition.

47. (New) A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress, a cosmetic/dermatological composition comprising: an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts, said at least one form of manganese being the

sole active ingredient for treating skin pallor resulting from stress in the composition; and a topically applicable, physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor.

48. (New) A method for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, comprising topically administering to an individual subject afflicted with skin pallor resulting from stress, a cosmetic/dermatological composition comprising: (i) an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; (ii) a bioaffecting amount of at least one member selected from the group consisting of alverine, alverine salts, keratolytic agents, chlorine-channel openers, hydroxy acids and retinoids, said at least one form of manganese being the sole active ingredient for treating skin pallor resulting from stress in the composition; and a topically applicable, physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor.

49. (New) A topically applicable cosmetic/dermatological composition suitable for combating skin pallor resulting from stress, said composition comprising: (i) an effective skin pallor-reducing amount of at least one form of manganese selected from the group consisting of organic salts of manganese, inorganic salts of manganese, manganese-rich plant extracts and manganese-rich microorganism extracts; (ii) at least one member selected from the group consisting of alverine, alverine salts, and chlorine-channel openers,

said at least one form of manganese being the sole active ingredient for treating skin pallor due to stress in the composition; and a topically applicable, physiologically acceptable vehicle, diluent or carrier therefor.

50. (New) The method as defined by Claim 47, wherein from 0.0001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

51. (New) The method as defined by Claim 50, wherein from 0.001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

52. (New) The method as defined by Claim 47, wherein manganese is administered as at least one inorganic or organic manganese salt.

53. (New) The method as defined by Claim 52, wherein manganese is administered as at least one organic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and manganese oxalate.

54. (New) The method as defined by Claim 52, wherein manganese is administered as at least one inorganic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese

chloride, manganese borate, manganese nitrate, manganese phosphate, and manganese sulfate.

55. (New) The method as defined by Claim 47, wherein said cosmetic/dermatological composition is a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

56. (New) The method as defined by Claim 48, wherein from 0.0001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

57. (New) The method as defined by Claim 56, wherein from 0.001% to 1% by weight of manganese is administered.

58. (New) The method as defined by Claim 48, wherein manganese is administered as at least one inorganic or organic manganese salt.

59. (New) The method as defined by Claim 58, wherein manganese is administered as at least one organic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and manganese oxalate.

60. (New) The method as defined by Claim 58, wherein manganese is administered as at least one inorganic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese chloride, manganese borate, manganese nitrate, manganese phosphate, and manganese sulfate.

61. (New) The method as defined by Claim 48, wherein said cosmetic/dermatological composition is a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

62. (New) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 49, wherein from 0.0001% to 1% by weight of manganese is present.

63. (New) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 62, wherein from 0.001% to 1% by weight of manganese is present.

64. (New) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 49, wherein the manganese is present as at least one inorganic or organic manganese salt.

65. (New) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 64, wherein the manganese is present as at least one organic salt selected from the group

consisting of manganese gluconate, manganese carbonate, manganese acetate, manganese citrate, manganese oleate, and manganese oxalate.

66. (New) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 64, wherein the manganese is present as at least one inorganic salt selected from the group consisting of manganese chloride, manganese borate, manganese nitrate, manganese phosphate, and manganese sulfate.

67. (New) The cosmetic/dermatological composition as defined by Claim 49, said composition being in the form of a topically applicable solution, gel, emulsion, cream, oil, milk, makeup, serum, aerosol, vesicular dispersion, or artificial tanning preparation.

68. (New) The method as defined by Claim 47, wherein the at least one form of manganese is manganese gluconate or manganese carbonate and is administered in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 1.0% by weight of the composition.

69. (New) The method as defined by Claim 48, wherein the at least one form of manganese is manganese gluconate or manganese carbonate and is administered in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 1.0% by weight of the composition.